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It was faint and overgrown
in danger of disappearing

I wouldn't have even noticed
except it rained last night

And there in the mud
of my frontal lobe
shiny wet

Was a memory
half exposed
out of place

Startled and confused
I pulled it from the grime
and wiped it on my jeans

A discolored summer
yellowed edges
small rips breaking your long hair

How careless of me to walk
with a hole in my pocket

Dropping my past
in the muck of my mind